UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

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KATHERINE ANN ASHLEY, KATELYN PHILLIPS SAVANNAH SMITH, and DEANNIA KEITH PLAINTIFFS

v.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00011 Judge Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr. Magistrate Judge Alistair E. Newbern

COLTAN JONES, Individually; and Sheriff Michael Reagon, individually; and FENTRESS COUNTY DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANT COLTAN JONES' MOTION TO STAY CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AND FILING OF ANSWER

Comes now Defendant Coltan Jones, individually, through counsel, and respectfully submits his motion to stay the civil proceedings against him, including the filing of an answer, for six months due to a related pending criminal action arising out of the same allegations contained in the Plaintiffs' Complaint. A memorandum of law in support of Defendant's motion and a proposed order are simultaneously tendered herewith.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.01, the undersigned has conferred with all parties to this litigation concerning this motion to stay. The parties are in agreement on a six-month stay as it pertains to Defendant Jones. Plaintiffs' counsel does not oppose a stay and does not object to Defendant Jones not filing an answer during the stay. Defendant Jones stipulates that should the criminal case resolve during the stay, Defendant Jones will promptly notify all counsel and the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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